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OUR LADY IMMACULATE
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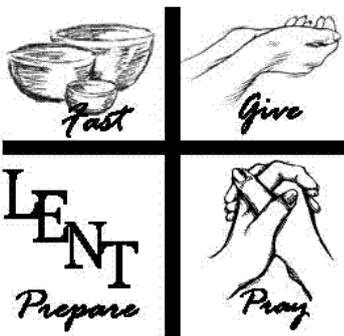
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Thomas Merton in his essay on Ash Wednesday says Lent is a time of healing not a time of punishment; "there is joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of the Christian who eats and drinks

less in order that his mind may be more clear and receptive to receive the sacred nourishment of God's Word."

We need to keep in mind that Lent is a journey for all of us who are baptised and those preparing for baptism. This is an inner journey to Easter. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the greatest time of our year. At Easter we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus which is his victory over sin and death. Our life and our world have been transformed forever. We are fortunate to have this special time each year. Let us enter it with enthusiasm and eagerness.

Here are some ways we could prepare for Easter.

A. Prayer.

1. We can pray the Stations of the Cross either on our own or after morning Mass with others. There are some books of meditations on the Stations available in the Repository.
2. Pray evening prayer on the Sundays of Lent at 4.30pm in the church.
3. Try to come to Mass on another day as well as Sunday.
4. Use the Daily Readings as a basis for prayer and meditation. There are various helpful booklets available at the back of the church. Sheets with a thought for each day (free), Walk with

Me book (free), Day by Day (£1) which has the readings for each day. Bible Alive is also available (£1.95).

5. Call in the church when you are passing for a time of silent prayer.
6. Celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (confession).

B. Fasting

1. Fast from T.V.
2. Fast from Films and DVD's
3. Fast from Computer games (xbox, playstation, wii, nintendo)
4. Fast from desserts
5. Fast from alcohol
6. Fast from cakes and biscuits
7. Fast from favourite sweets

C. Almsgiving

1. Take a Lenten Project Box
2. Attend Lenten Project events
3. Support CAFOD Fast Day (18 March).
4. Learn more about the Projects we are supporting.

Don't imagine you should do all of these listed. They are suggestions to consider. Make this a season for reflection and quiet. What we need focus on is Lent is a time for metanoia, a time for a change of heart. We turn our minds and hearts to God in celebration of the Paschal Mystery(the Death and Resurrection of Jesus) in which some will for the first time receive the light of Christ. (We have three who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil.) Others will be restored to the Communion of the Faithful and all of us will renew our baptismal consecration of our lives to God in Christ.

Let us journey together these Lenten Days that we may celebrate together the Joy of Easter.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th March 2011

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9am Bridie Johnson RIP (Karen Fox)
11am Phillipaiah Mariampillai RIP (Philip Jeganathan)
12.30pm Baptisms: Sheyan Noah Srikantha
6pm Keith Hunt RIP (Ann Francis)

Retiring collection for the Cabrini Children's Society

Daily Masses 7th to 12th March 2011

- Mon SS Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs**
9.30am Patsy McCluskey RIP (Ann Mundow)
Tues Feria
7am Conversion of Gerard Barrau (Berengere Barrau)
9.30am Cyril Benjamin RIP 1st Anniversary (Paul & Stella Joseph)
Wed ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am Alice Edwards RIP (Christine Edwards)
11am School Mass
 All Deceased Teachers & Governors of OLI School
8pm All Deceased Parishioners
Thur Feria
7am Noel Kelly (Hugh O'Prey)
9.30am In Thanksgiving for the Life of Mary Estall (Robert Estall)
Fri Feria
7am Mary Trusler RIP (FM)
9.30am Welfare of Ivan & Una Flanagan
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat Feria
9am Francoise Manac'h RIP (Berengere Barrau)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th March 2011

First Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Mary Campbell RIP & Mary Langton RIP (Maria Campbell)
Sun 9am Anthony & Michael O'Hara RIP (Mary Foley)
11am Joaquim De Mello RIP (Ivy & Michael De Mello)
4.30 Evening Prayer
6pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory collection

(for the upkeep of the church) £1,910
 Catholic Education Fund £ 310

We thank you for your continued generosity
 Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming
 Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook



We welcome into the Church **Jenson John Heward-Mills** who was baptised last weekend.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 (CONFESSIONS)**
Saturdays 9.30am-10am and 5.30pm-6pm

READINGS:

This Week: 9th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Deuteronomy 11:18. 26-28. 32
 Moses urges the people to bind his words to their wrists and foreheads, promising that there is a blessing for those who obey them, a curse for those who do not.

Second Reading Romans 3:21-25. 28

God's justice is made available by faith to all people, through the justifying, redeeming and reconciling work of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 7:21-27

It's not cries of "Lord, Lord", says Jesus, but the doing of his Father's will that enables a person to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Next Week: 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

St Paul declares the victory of Christ as the remedy for sin.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus, tempted by the devil, remains faithful to God's will.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Jean Gibson** (sister of Ray Lewry) **Bernard Meade, Paul Marcus** (brother in law of Alex & Rosemary Maranzano) **Patricia 'Paddy' Fitzpatrick, & Theresa Gowers**, We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Bishop Michael Evans, Luke Nolan, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Desolina Cavazzi, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Stephen Fleming, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrasci, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Ann McNicol, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Baby Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Mary Linstead, Evan Day, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Kay Bridgland, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai and Philip Rajanayagam

**LENTEN PROJECT 2011
TABLE TOP SALE – SUNDAY 27TH MARCH
after both Masses in the Hall**

THANKYOU to all who have already responded to our request for items for this sale.

The Table Top Sale involves new and nearly new items. We already have lots of new items – new *baby clothes*, some new *ladies' clothes* and a good collection *toys and games* both new and in very good condition. Some other items may be appropriate as gifts for the following week – Mothers' Day!

There will be the usual, very popular, home-made *jams and marmalades* and of course the *plants* stall for keen gardeners. *Teas and coffees* and *cakes and biscuits* will be on sale and *Fair Trade products* will be available.

Tables have been 'reserved' already for our regular supporters. Do you have suitable items you can bring and sell from a table, with proceeds being donated to the Parish Lenten project? Would you like to book a space?

If so – **ring 020 8397 7733** to arrange a table and to get details of the event.

You can still ring that number if you have items to donate and we will arrange collection.

Call in after both Masses meet friends and support the project!



Our Lady Immaculate Church
Parish Lenten Project

**The Tolworth
Tornadoes sponsored bike ride**
has become one

of the highlights of the Lenten Project calendar. This is year Fr Anthony will be joining the team on their tour of the Surrey countryside. Numbers are limited but if you want to join the Tornadoes then please phone Justine Manche on 07710 349871 or email: justine.manche@bt.com.



Lenten Boxes are a big part of our funding raising and offer everyone in the parish the opportunity to support the charities. We will be handing out boxes after all Masses this weekend.

So please remember to take a box and fill it during Lent – every penny counts and goes to a good cause. If you miss the distribution weekends but want a box then please ask one of the priests and/ or call Justine Manche on 07710 349871.

Thanks also to the OLI school children for making up the boxes.

2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

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March 2011	
9 th March	ASH WEDNESDAY
Friday 11	
Saturday 12	
Sunday 13	
Friday 18	
Saturday 19	UCM cake sale
Sunday 20	UCM cake sale
Friday 25	
Saturday 26	International and Bingo Evening
Sunday 27	Table Top Sale
April 2011	
Friday 1	
Saturday 2	Quiz Night
Sunday 3	Fr Anthony & the Tolworth Tornadoes bike ride
Mother's Day	
Friday 8	
Saturday 9	OLI Charity Music Concert organised by Chris Jeganathan
Sunday 10	
Saturday 16	Sri Lankan event
Sunday 17	PALM SUNDAY
Friday 22	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday 23	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday 24	EASTER SUNDAY
Saturday 30	South India Event

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

This will be held in church every Sunday evening during Lent at 4.30pm.

OLI PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Broadway Bar. Tickets £5 each. Tables of up to 8 people. Please contact Clare Dempsey on acdemps@blueyonder.co.uk



INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Saturday 26th March 2011

Please come along to another of these popular events. Bring a dish from your country for the shared table and join in with Bingo and hopefully, some entertainment. Tickets will be on sale after Masses from March 5th, and following weekends up to the event. You may book a table in advance for larger groups.

Please let us know if you are able to help in any way, with food, organisation etc. As this is much appreciated. Call Toni Comer on 020 8399 7788 or email antonia.comer@sky.com

FREE for LENT 2011

This coming Wednesday we begin our Lenten season when we embark on a journey of five weeks in preparation for the greatest feast of the churches Year –Easter. To enable this to be a journey of Prayer we are providing free the booklet “Walk with Me”. This is an excellent help to reflecting on part of the Scripture of the Day. It uses the homily Pope Benedict gave at Westminster cathedral as a focus.

HELP ON THE MISSIONS

Are you interested in volunteering for the Jesuit Missions? You need to be aged between 18-65. They run programmes from 6 months to 2 years which include teaching, computer projects, health programmes, working in orphanages and assisting with parish work. Most participants find this a life changing experience which influences their career choices and life direction.

There are some leaflets at the back of the church there is more information at www.jesuitmissions.org.uk (volunteering)



This weekend, the Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society takes place. Cabrini supports and cares for some of the most vulner-

able children and young people in our community. This includes providing extended schools clubs; nurseries; counselling for school age children and young people; residential care for adults with learning disabilities and specialised catechetical programmes for children and young people with special needs. The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in your diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We are very fortunate as a parish that 12 of our young people are travelling to Madrid this August to take part in World Youth Day. This is a pilgrimage of Faith Discovery through daily catechesis and Holy Mass, a chance to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father at the end of the week with some estimated 2 million young people from around the world, a chance to find out about cultures in other countries by making friends with young people from around the world, and a chance to spend some time in Madrid and see some of the sights. Some of our young people will be raising money after Mass to help subsidise their trip by selling squares on a number board at £2 each (the draw for cash prizes will take place over the next few days) and we would be very grateful if as many people as possible could support them. They will be in the narthex after the 9am and 11am Masses. Thank you.

Parish Retreat

This retreat is an opportunity to help us recognise the gift of God's grace in our lives and to live each day empowered by this knowledge. It is a chance to step aside from our daily routine to spend time away with the Lord in prayer and fellowship.

Cost: £95 Residential £60 Non-residential
Sion Community SENT

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For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.

Eph 2: 8-10

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Lenten Project Cake Sale

19th/20th March 2011

If you are able to bring cakes for the cake sale, please can you bring your offerings to the Church Hall before Masses (6.30pm on Saturday 19 March and 9am and 11am on Sunday 20 March).